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SUBJECT: IMCO: DISCUSSION OF SEVENTH SESSION OF
UN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

1. AMB. ZULETA OF UN SECRETARIAT FOR LOS CONFERENCE
REPORTED TO IMCO COUNCIL MAY 25 ON RESULTS OF SEVENTH
SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE. HE IDENTIFIED SEVEN
"HARD CORE" ISSUES WITH WHICH THE SESSION HAD DEALT
INCLUDING ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH DEEP SEABED
MINING PLUS THE PROBLEMS OF LL/GDS ACCESS TO LIVING
RESOURCES OF ECONOMIC ZONES OF COASTAL STATES, DIS-
PUTE SETTLEMENT FOR LIVING RESOURCES, AND DELIMITATION
OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. HE LISTED AS IMPORTANT,
BUT SUBSIDIARY, ISSUES THE CLUSTER OF MARINE POLLU-
TION RELATED ISSUES AND THE MARINE SCIENTIFIC RE-
SEARCH PROBLEM. HIS INITIAL EXPOSITION WAS CLEAR
AND THOROUGH, BUT HE GAVE NO EVALUATION OF THE
DEGREE OF PROGRESS OR THE FUTURE POSSIBILITIES FOR
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SUCCESS.

2. IN A SUBSEQUENT QUESTION PERIOD, MEXICAN AMBAS-
SADOR TO BRITAIN MANUEL TELLO MADE A LENGTHY INTER-
VENTION IN WHICH HE DESCRIBED ZULETA'S "HARD CORE"
ISSUES AS THOSE THAT HAD BEEN FACING THE LOS CONFER-
ENCE FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, THAT HE DID NOT

PERCEIVE THAT ANY REAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AND THAT
HE WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING
A WIDELY ACCEPTABLE TREATY.

3. ZULETA REPLIED THAT HE BELIEVED SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN 5 OF THE 7 ISSUES HE HAD IDENTIFIED. HE SINGLED OUT FOR DISCUSSION THE "GOOD" PROGRESS IN DEEP SEABED MINING, PARTICULARLY THE FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS, AND IN THE LL/GDS-COASTAL STATES CONFLICT. HE THEN DESCRIBED IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL THE CONTINENTAL SHELF DELIMITATION PROBLEM, WHICH HE SAW AS INTRACTIBLE UP TO NOW. IN THIS AREA, STATES HAD SIMPLY REITERATED THEIR PREVIOUS POSITIONS. HE WAS, IN SUM, SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE POSSIBILITIES FOR A TREATY.

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